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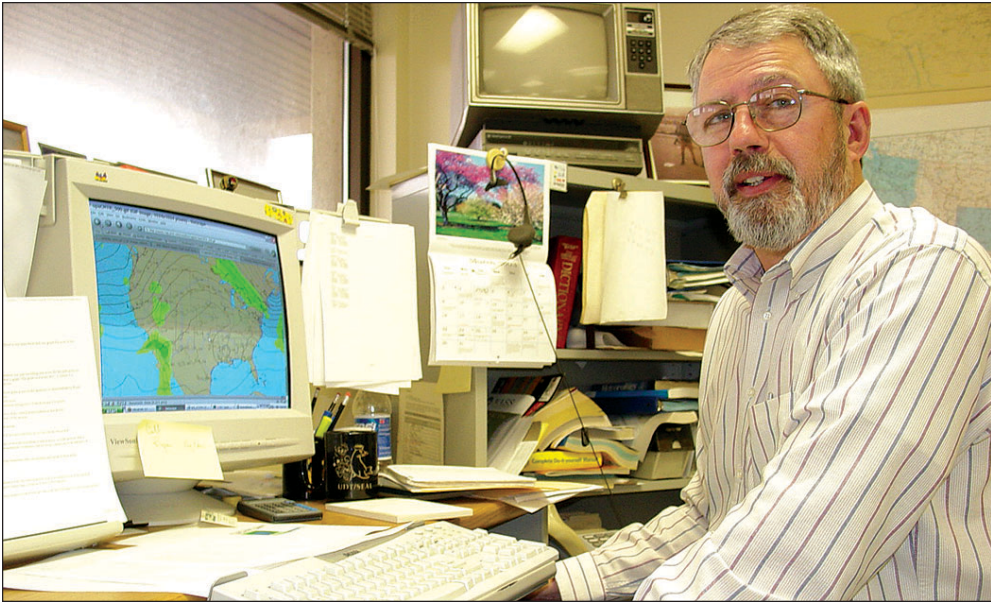
By TED SLOAN

Kentucky Agricultural News

Tom Priddy was in Western Kentucky recently for an event when the person giving the invocation prayed for dry weather.

"Farmers are always concerned about the weather," Priddy observed. Weather also is at the heart of Priddy's job as the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture's agricultural meteorologist. Priddy and his team have combined weather and agriculture to create a Web site that takes weather

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Ted Sloan

Tom Priddy explains the UK Agricultural Weather Center's Web site in his Lexington office.

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Goats gaining respect on Kentucky farms

Market for meat already exists

By **BYRON BREWER**

Kentucky Agricultural News

Demand for goat meat is on the rise all across the country, especially in metropolitan areas with large ethnic populations. Kentucky has the land, water and forages required to develop and expand this growing industry. And unlike the ostrich craze of a decade ago, the market already exists.

"Many producers raising livestock today are talking about meat goats," said Tess Caudill, marketing specialist with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Division of Value-Added Livestock, Poultry and Forage. "Goat is the most widely eaten meat in the world, and the U.S. imports thousands of pounds of it every year.

"The Department promotes the product through its shows and sales and also through the successful Tel-O-Auctions we have co-sponsored. I think we have only seen the beginning of the meat goat industry's growth in Kentucky."

Kentucky held its very first Tel-O-Auction for goats last September, and it was "a rousing success," Caudill said. In the most recent telephone sale in

February, 76 goats sold for a total of \$4,787.54. Prices ranged as high as \$110 per hundredweight.

During a Tel-O-Auction, buyers bid on goats by phone and then farmers deliver the goats to the stockyard or collection facility. The buyers have plenty of time to arrange trucking and delivery, and have to make the trip only if they make a purchase, she said.

"Our Department is working to make sure producers continue to market their meat goats at profitable levels," Caudill said. "We are further developing Tel-O-Auctions and other graded goat sales and are beginning to explore a variety

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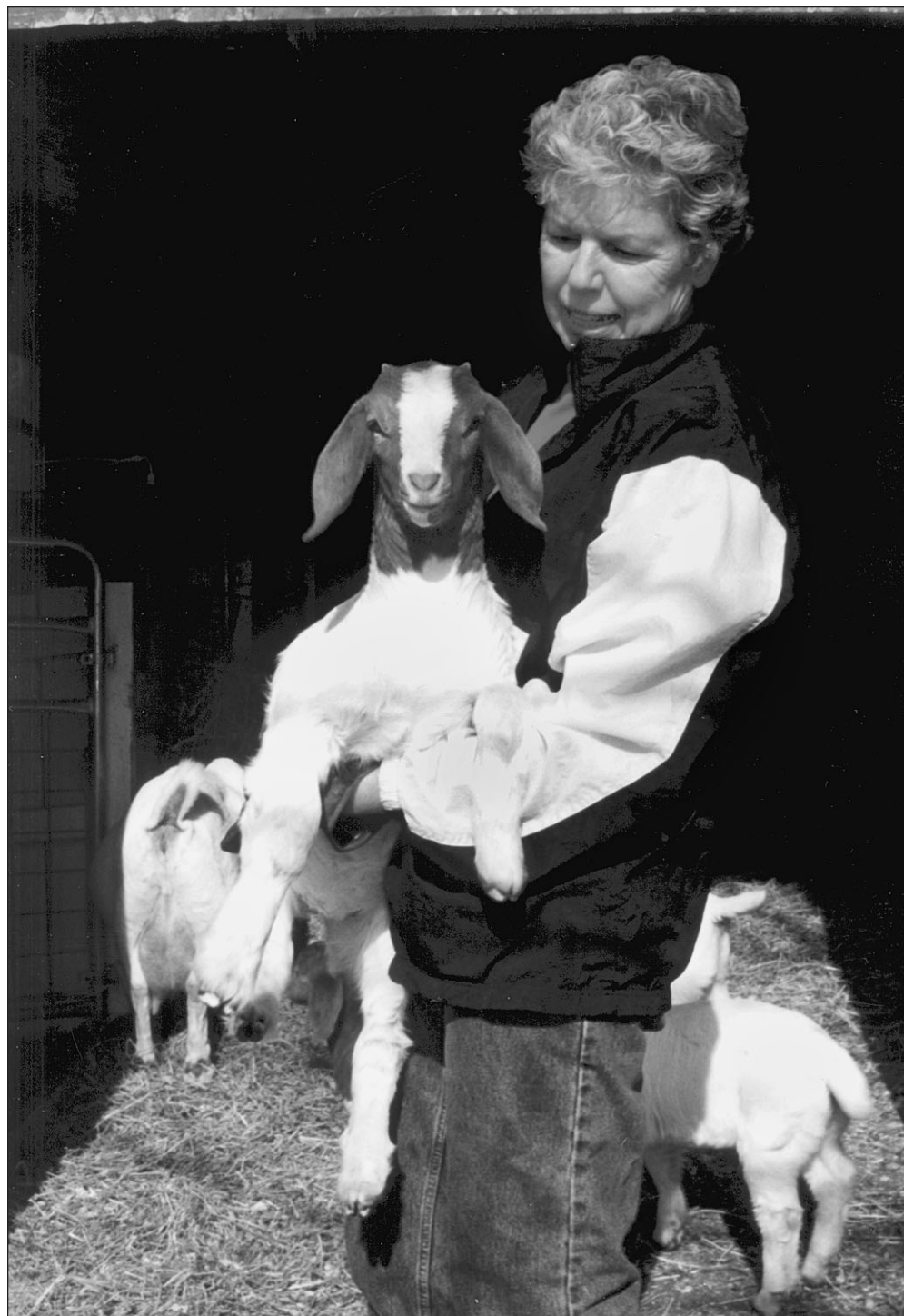
The profit potential is there, and so are the resources."

—Wade Buntin,
Kentucky Goat Producers Association

of value-added opportunities."

The Boer goat, which originated in South Africa, is known for its high degree of muscling. That has brought it favor as the most popular breed of meat goat in the Commonwealth, said Wade Buntin, a Crittenden County producer and vice president/meat for the Kentucky Goat Producers Association.

"Unlike other animals being newly raised as livestock in Kentucky, goats have been around forever. They have just never been seen or promoted in the light of a meat product," Buntin said. "Goats can fit into existing farm enter-



Photos by Byron Brewer

Lillian Kinsey holds a recently born kid. Kinsey's Boer goat farm is near Sadieville.



Hungry Boer goats gather as Lillian Kinsey feeds them at her Scott County farm.

prises, or they can fill that void left by another operation that has failed. That is why they have become the hot-button topic when people discuss tobacco's future. The profit potential is there, and so are the resources."

Boer goats have become so plentiful and popular as livestock that in 2002, for the first time, they were judged at the Kentucky State Fair, Caudill said. Thirty-four exhibitors showed 233 animals.

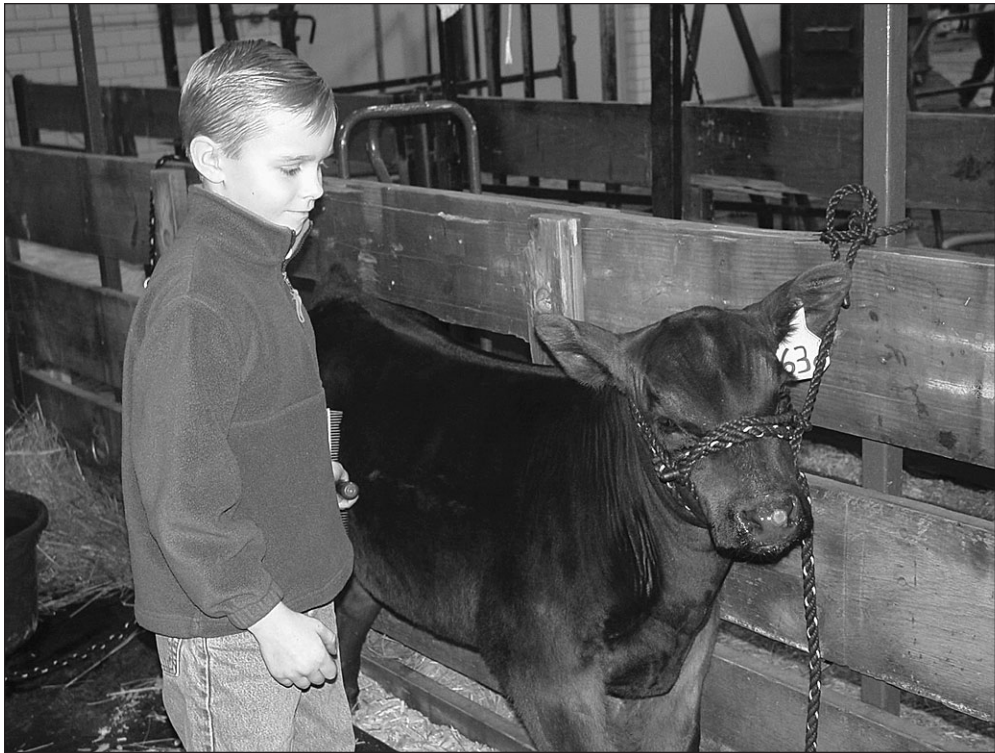
Lillian Kinsey, a Scott County producer, is working on improving the genetics of Kentucky's goat herds.

"When you're talking goat, it's all about genetics," said Kinsey, whose one-woman operation – Lily's Wildwood Boer Goat Farm, near Sadieville – presently boasts about 50 Boer goats, including Cougar Moon, the first kid born on her farm five years ago. Chief

among the farm's breeding stock, Cougar now weighs in at more than 350 pounds.

"The popularity of the Boer goat in Kentucky has come about gradually, but all of a sudden the agricultural community – and the public – began to notice," Kinsey said. "Going to shows and sales helps the producer see where they need to improve their herd genetics. Whether you are raising goats for the meat market, for sale as breeding stock or to compete in 4-H/FFA events, the key is strong, healthy animals that give you the best return on your investment of time and dollars."

For more information on the goat industry in Kentucky, contact Caudill in KDA's Division of Value-Added Livestock, Poultry and Forage Promotion by phone at (502) 564-3956 or by e-mail at tess.caudill@kyagr.com.



Roger Snell

Stetson Junek, 8, of Boone County gets ready to show in the Kentucky Beef Expo. Junek's entry won Angus Reserve Grand Champion Cow and Calf for Toeppen TTT Angus Farm in Union, Ky., where Junek's father works.

Kentucky Beef Expo again attracts active buyers

By **BYRON BREWER**

Kentucky Agricultural News

Cattle buyers seeking to improve the genetics of their operations found the Kentucky Beef Expo a most helpful tool as they purchased top-quality seedstock at the event Feb. 28-March 2.

Gross sales for the Expo, held at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville, totaled \$746,790. The 540 head averaged \$1,382 per lot.

"This was one of the best Beef Expos ever. We were very satisfied with the results," Agriculture Commissioner Billy Ray Smith said. "We had some active buyers who came to the show to improve their seedstock. Judging by the prices, it seems they were happy with what they found."

"Kentucky has developed a reputation as one of the top beef-producing states. The Expo proved that we have a strong beef industry here, and it just keeps getting better."

Sales for the 12 breed shows were:

- Angus: 47 head; gross \$118,250; average \$2,516
- Beefalo: 32 head; gross \$22,550; average \$705
- Charolais: 30 head; gross \$43,800; average \$1,460
- Chiangus: 42 head; gross \$75,600; average \$1,800
- Limousin: 38 head; gross \$78,950; average \$2,051

- Maine-Anjou: 32 head; gross \$43,625; average \$1,363
- Hereford: 37 head; gross \$40,645; average \$1,099
- Red Angus: 32 head; gross \$31,725; average \$991
- Red Poll: 32 head; gross \$26,000; average \$813
- Salers: 31 head; gross \$34,435; average \$1,111
- Shorthorn: 43 head; gross \$59,220; average \$1,377
- Simmental: 39 head; gross \$63,580; average \$1,630

The fifth annual pen heifer sale had gross sales of \$108,410 for 105 lots, or an average of \$1,032 per lot. Participants from eight states exhibited 427 animals in the junior shows.

Some 175 young people participated in the annual Beef Expo Cattle Judging Contest. The competition, sponsored by Brown-Forman, was open to all 4-H and FFA members. It was conducted by the University of Kentucky Livestock Judging Team under the direction of coach Aaron Arnett.

Sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, the Expo is coordinated by KDA's Division of Show and Fair Promotion and the Kentucky Beef Expo Board.

For more on livestock sales and shows across the Bluegrass, contact the division at (502) 564-4983 or log onto the KDA Web site at www.kyagr.com.

UK ag weather site offers county forecasts

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data and applies it to farm chores for each county in Kentucky and several nearby states. It's the only site of its kind at a land-grant institution in the United States.

The UK ag weather center compiles county-by-county forecasts with conditions for spraying, drying grain, stripping tobacco, and other tasks in three-hour blocks. In extreme cold or heat, the site also forecasts periods of livestock stress, Priddy said.

"We can give more precise information than 'partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain,'" he said.

The development of UK's weather site was a perfect storm, so to speak, of technology, expertise, opportunity, and consumers' need for information. In fact, the effort initially was driven from the grass-roots level.

"Farmers and county agents called in and wanted weather forecasts. They'd want to know, 'Can I bale (hay) today?'" Priddy said.

The Internet developed into the ideal platform for presenting up-to-the-minute weather data to the general public, Priddy said. Constantly improving technology enables the National Weather Service to provide better forecasts more frequently and for a more specific geographic area. Data on conditions for various farm tasks were taken from UK specialists and other sources, such as the familiar livestock stress index, and incorporated into the weather information.

"We were suddenly blessed with a tremendous amount of weather data on a county-by-county basis that we could

marry to these (agricultural) algorithms," Priddy said. "We can give windows of opportunity for each county in a very precise manner."

The weather center is working on a fowl heat stress forecast for poultry houses, odor management in swine operations, disease potential based on temperature and humidity, and numerous other agricultural applications. It also is working on a truly interactive feature in which the user can type what he or she wants to do and the Web site will respond with the optimum time for that activity based on weather conditions. The more precise weather data also could be used for non-agricultural applications such as gardening and construction, he said.

By September, Priddy said, the weather center will be able to give weather conditions and forecasts for an area as small as one square kilometer.

"Having the information on the Internet empowers farmers and other residents to get the information they need when they want to get it," Priddy said.

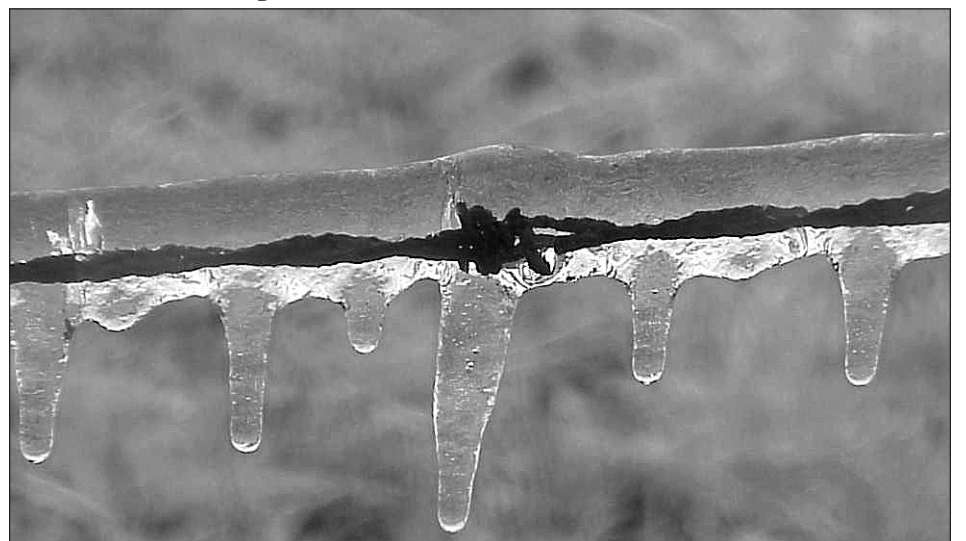
Priddy has spoken in many areas of the state about the weather center and the information available on its Web site at the request of county Extension agents.

Even with rapid advances in technology, weather forecasting still is an inexact science, Priddy acknowledged.

"You put a certain amount of faith in your forecasts," he said. "Kentuckians know how fickle the weather can be."

The UK Agricultural Weather Center is at www.agwx.ca.uky.edu. (There is no period after www.)

Kentucky on ice



John Cotten

Ice coats a Mercer County fence following a Feb. 16 ice storm through Kentucky.

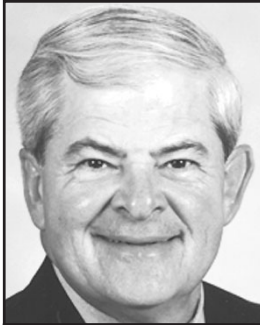
Budget cuts will challenge state Ag Department

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture has been affected by budget cuts just like every other state agency. The budget cuts will be felt most keenly in the divisions that provide consumer services for all Kentuckians.

Perhaps the most significant impact of the current fiscal situation is that it prevents the Department from filling dozens of vacancies. Positions such as egg supervisor, pesticide in-

spector, and many others are going unfilled while other employees pick up the slack. The Kentucky Agriculture and Education in the Classroom program easily could use a second mobile science activity center and a driver to meet the demand for this service in Kentucky schools, but the reduced budget has forced us to put that idea on the back burner for now. The Department's Farm and Home Safety Program has been highly successful and needs to be expanded.

The Division of Environmental Protection may not be able to buy enough mosquito control material to meet demand. This is a human health issue now that West Nile Virus is in Kentucky. Property owners can help themselves by eliminating standing water that creates breeding grounds for mosquitoes, which carry the virus.



Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner

Billy Ray Smith

Less money will make it more difficult for the Department to obtain matching funds from the federal government and to get training for our employees, which has been a priority of our administration. Budget restrictions also prevented the KDA from advertising the Teens and Tobacco smoking-prevention program during the state basketball tournaments.

Necessary improvements the Department made in times of budget surpluses are softening the blow of budget cuts. The Division of Regulation and Inspection was for-

merly housed in a building that literally was condemned. Two years ago, it was moved to a new facility just out of Frankfort with state-of-the-art laboratory equipment. This division checks the accuracy and quality of price scanners, commercial scales, gasoline pumps and many other commodities and services. Its upgraded facilities and equipment help our employees do a better job of assuring that Kentucky consumers get what they pay for.

I think the employees of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture are the best in all of state government, and each and every one of them provides a valuable service to the citizens of Kentucky. I hope you agree and you'll tell your legislators. A legislative session has just ended, but it's only nine months until the next one, and it's never too early to mention that you value the services the Kentucky Department of Agriculture provides. Thank you for your past and future support of Kentucky's agriculture.

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KDA, producers watch for Exotic Newcastle

By **ROGER SNELL**

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Kentucky Department of Agriculture officials in recent weeks have helped a national team of animal health specialists in California deal with a poultry disease known as Exotic Newcastle disease (END).

The disease was diagnosed in backyard poultry flocks in southern California last Oct. 1. Arizona and Nevada also have confirmed isolated cases. More than 3 million birds have been humanely destroyed in an attempt to eradicate the disease, the California Department of Food and Agriculture has reported.

Dr. Cris Young, a field veterinarian with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, was among those assisting in California. Dr. Don Notter, the state veterinarian, and Dr. Ed Hall, KDA's director of homeland security, also have been directly involved in monitoring animal health concerns.

Young said the California team included retired and private veterinarians from Kentucky as well as KDA staff who assisted local, state and federal agencies.

"We are able to help another state while also gaining important field experience if we ever have a major animal health need ourselves," Young said.

Teamwork and vigilance are necessary to protect all animal health, said Harvey Mitchell, KDA's chief of staff.

"We have the important responsibility of detecting, preventing and eradicating animal diseases and have worked closely with all the major poultry producers in Kentucky," Mitchell said.

Kentucky's poultry industry has stringent internal standards to prevent disease, and it has cooperated and

shared information with KDA officials, Mitchell said.

Poultry is now the second-largest income-producing agricultural enterprise in the Commonwealth. Five of the largest poultry processors in Kentucky employ more than 6,000 people. More than 1,000 additional employees work at poultry farms.

Mitchell said KDA was scheduled to lead training exercises in April to show how many different agencies are needed to help in potential animal health disasters. "We've tried to prepare for these events before, but now there is much greater teamwork and positive coordination among agencies," Mitchell said.

KDA employees have distributed information about the California outbreak, in two languages, as provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"The public may not be aware of how extensive our role is," Mitchell said, noting that a recent national pigeon show in Louisville involved birds from 20 states that had to be monitored.

END affects all species of birds and is probably one of the most infectious poultry diseases in the world, according to the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. A death rate of almost 100 percent can occur in unvaccinated flocks, but Exotic Newcastle can infect and cause death even in vaccinated poultry, APHIS says.

Birds afflicted with END may exhibit clinical signs in the respiratory, digestive and nervous systems; partial to complete drop in egg production; production of thin-shelled eggs, and swelling of the tissues around the eyes and in the neck. Birds also may die of END

without showing any clinical signs.

END is spread primarily through direct contact between healthy birds and the bodily discharges of infected birds. The disease spreads rapidly among birds kept in confinement. Virus-bearing material can be picked up on shoes and clothing and carried from an infected flock to a healthy one. The virus can survive for several weeks in a warm and humid environment and can survive indefinitely in frozen material. It is destroyed rapidly by dehydration and the ultraviolet rays in sunlight.

The USDA says END is not a public health threat and does not affect the safety of poultry or eggs.

Exotic Newcastle turned up in the United States in the 1930s. In the early 1970s, nearly 12 million birds were destroyed to stem an outbreak in California.

It's almost West Nile season

With the return of warm weather, can mosquitoes be far behind? Mosquitoes carry West Nile Virus, which causes encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) in horses, humans, birds and other warm-blooded animals. West Nile was first detected in Kentucky in 2001; last year, 513 equine and 67 humans were diagnosed with the virus, and five of the human victims died.

Following are the Kentucky Department for Public Health's tips to reduce the risk of infection:

- Stay indoors at dawn, dusk and in the early evening when mosquitoes are most active.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when you are outdoors.

Mitchell said KDA continues to spread the word to producers about the critical need to keep wild birds or rodents from getting into poultry feeding areas.

In other poultry health news, avian influenza was confirmed in mid-March in one chicken house of a Connecticut egg farm. State officials quarantined 4.7 million chickens as they investigated the possible outbreak. Japan lifted a temporary ban on all U.S. poultry imports but retained a ban on poultry imports from Connecticut.

KDA staff assisted during a similar avian influenza outbreak in Virginia in 2002, which led to humane eradication of 4.6 million birds.

No cases of either avian influenza or Exotic Newcastle have been reported in Kentucky.

- Spray clothing with repellents containing permethrin or DEET (N,N-diethyl-metatoluamide) since mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing.

- Apply insect repellent sparingly to exposed skin. An effective repellent will contain 30 percent DEET for adults and 10 percent or less DEET for children ages 2 to 12, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. Repellent may irritate the eyes and mouth, so avoid applying repellent to the hands of children.

- Whenever you use an insecticide or insect repellent, be sure to read and follow the manufacturer's Directions for Use printed on the product. NOTE: Vitamin B and "ultrasonic" devices are NOT effective in preventing mosquito bites.

Hustonville man honored

Special to KAN

J.L. Hoskins, Hustonville, Ky., owner of Branch View Angus, has received the American Angus Association's Historic Angus Herd Award for the longevity of his involvement in the registered Angus business.

"We're always pleased to honor our breeders who have invested decades of their life to raising registered Angus cattle," said John Crouch, executive vice president of the American Angus Association. "The dedication and commitment you find in recipients of the Historic Angus Herd Award is one of the reasons why the Angus breed is on top of the beef cattle business today."

Hoskins established the Branch View herd with the birth of an Angus heifer calf on the farm in 1933. The operation has expanded to include up to

150 registered Angus cows and the inclusion of two more generations of the Hoskins family.

Hoskins is a member of the Kentucky Angus Association, Central Kentucky Angus Association, Kentucky Cattlemen's Association and Lincoln County Cattlemen's Association. He is active in Farm Bureau, Ruritan Club and the Hustonville Baptist Church.

Hoskins owns and manages Branch View Angus Farm with his son-in-law, Donald S. Coffey, and grandson, James S. Coffey.

The Historic Angus Herd Award is presented to active members of the Association who own a herd that has been in the continuous production of registered Angus cattle for 50 years or more by the same person or members of the immediate family.

Leading the fight against hunger



Ted Sloan

Pam Sigler, right, talks about the group Three Chicks Fighting Hunger as Sue Weant, left facing camera, and Marian Blanchard look on during the Kentucky Women in Agriculture conference Feb. 28 in Lexington.

‘Kentucky Fresh is Best!’

Yum, Yum, I taste milk
fresh from the farm.

Thanks for the dairy cow!

Yum, yum, I taste scrambled, fried and hard boiled eggs
fresh from the farm.

Thanks for the chickens!

Yum, yum, I taste steak, hamburgers and roast beef
fresh from the farm.

Thanks for the beef cows!

Yum, yum, I taste ham, sausage and bacon
fresh from the farm.

Thanks for the pigs!

Yum, yum, I taste corn, green beans, potatoes and carrots
fresh from the farm.

Thanks for the vegetables!

Yum, yum, I taste apples, cherries, grapes and strawberries
fresh from the farm.

Thanks for the fruit!

Yum, yum, I taste cheese, butter, yogurt,
ice cream and cottage cheese
fresh from the farm –

after it went to the factory, then to the grocery store.

Thanks for the by-products!

Yum, yum, if we did not have
fresh food from the farm,
we would die.

Thanks farmers for keeping us alive!

Kentucky Fresh is Best!

Danielle Clark, 1st Grade
Utica Elementary, Utica, Kentucky
Judy Hayden, teacher

‘I hope I can live on a big farm’

I live on a farm in rural Woodford County with my family. We raise a garden and have lettuce, green beans, tomatoes, corn, peppers, squash, and cucumbers. My favorite food that we grow in the garden is green beans.

When my grandmother was little she lived on a farm in Grayson County. They mainly raised tobacco and corn.

I look forward to springtime and going to the Farmer’s Market so I can **taste the Kentucky fresh** fruits and vegetables. I enjoy helping my father and his friends sell the produce. I collect the money for the people who pay for the lettuce and green beans. One time I even bought flowers for my mother at the Farmer’s Market.

It is very fun living in the country. When I grow up I hope that I can live on a big farm. I will grow lots of vegetables, especially green beans.

Elijah Hack, 2nd grade
Southside Elementary, Versailles, Kentucky
Peggy Carter Seal, teacher

‘Locally grown products are the best to eat’

Have you ever tasted homegrown corn on the cob? If you pick it off the stalk, boil it, and put butter on it, it is DELICIOUS! Every time you pick it up, you feel joy because it is homegrown. Kentucky fresh is the best. Farming is a great industry. It delivers the best, safest and most economical food in the world. It’s more than you can imagine.

Besides fresh corn, Kentucky farmers grow, apples, peaches, wheat, and even popcorn. Some crops are grown for livestock but others are grown for people. People who eat locally grown produce are getting fresh, tasty, and nutritional food. Local prod-

Taste Kentucky Fresh -



Poster winners with Agriculture Commissioner Billy Ray Smith are, from left: front row – Dillon Lile, Joseph Wilson, Sara Cremer and Shane Brumfield; back row – Benjamin Harper II, Levi Ray and Kelsie Ledford. Not pictured: Coltin Franklin.

‘We all win when we buy Kentucky fresh’

Kentucky Agriculture is very important to all of us who live in Kentucky. There are so many reasons to buy locally grown products. For one you will get the freshest product because it is brought from the farms and not shipped from other states and countries. The nutrition value is so good because when you buy locally grown products you are getting the freshest and best tasting. Also when you buy fresh there are no additives or preservatives which is not as healthy as “fresh” products. Buying from our farmers

is very important to me because many of my relatives are farmers. That is how they support their families. We support our farmers when buy their fresh products. Our money stays in our communities and we get the best products. Always remember to stop at the road side stands to get your favorite fruits and vegetables. We all win when we buy Kentucky fresh.

Mikala Shepherd, 3rd grade
Woodfill Elementary, Ft. Thomas, Kentucky
Denise Bernhard, teacher

‘It helps Kentucky farmers stay in business’

Why, you may ask, should I, choose Kentucky fresh? I think one reason is that it is picked and you can purchase it at the height of it’s freshness, which makes it taste extremely better. I also think it’s better Kentucky Fresh because of many reasons: one of which is that there isn’t any preservatives and that there isn’t any sugar added. Let’s face it we all know that none of us need any more of those nasty preservatives and things in our food, than what we have already eaten. We have got to get back to nature, the way God intended us to. Which I think makes it a whole lot more healthy for us all. Our food loses a lot of nutritional values as time passes after it is harvested. Locally grown produce means less time until it is purchased and consumed. We should also choose Ken-

tucky Fresh because of the fact that prices can be a lot better. It is cheaper for the stores because they don’t have to ship it in from other states or countries, and that makes a huge difference, when we consider that the produce could come from the farmer down the street, it is a good feeling to know that the food we are eating could have been grown by our friends and neighbors. It helps Kentucky farmers stay in business. We shouldn’t also forget that if our states economy is stronger than all of our economies is better. That is a few of the many reasons I think that you should CHOOSE THE BEST, WITH KENTUCKY FRESH!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dakota Lee Landrum, 4th grade
Home school, White Plains, Kentucky
Rhonda Laster, teacher

ucts are available to consumers faster than products from other regions. Because of this, products are fresher, taste much better, and are more nutritional. Locally grown products are the best to eat.

Besides being the best, locally grown products are the safest food. These products need less preservatives and additives because they already look and taste good. Fresh products have fewer chemicals making them better for your health.

Kentucky products help Kentucky’s environment. Growing crops preserves green space by keeping farmers farming. Plants produce oxygen during pho-

tosynthesis. If farmers didn’t have their crops, a factory could be in its place causing pollution and occupying green space. We need to keep farmers in business by buying from farmers markets or roadside stands. When we buy locally it keeps money in the community. This helps Kentucky’s economy.

Everyone is involved in agriculture. Whether it’s in the food we eat or the clothes we wear, agriculture is a vital part of everyone’s life. It’s more than you can imagine.

Meagan Wilson, 5th grade
Southern Elementary, Falmouth, Kentucky
Maxie Kordes, teacher

– Nothing Else Is Close



Photos by Ted Sloan

Essay winners with Commissioner Smith are, from left: front row – Meagan Wilson, Mikala Shepherd, Danielle Clark, Elijah Hack, and Dakota Lee Landrum; back row – Emily Lucas, Hannah Capps and Colton William Givens.

‘Price, cost and trust are all major factors’

In today’s declining economy, the public closely monitors standard and price to get the most out of its money. We purchase the highest quality products possible without paying outrageous prices. In this essay, I will focus upon locally grown produce and the difference in price, freshness, taste and other factors that affect our buying habits.

After contacting a local grocery store and obtaining information about Kentucky fresh produce, I discovered that this particular store purchases locally grown produce in season. The grocer informed me that these products were designated “locally grown” by signs in the produce section. He believes people have confidence in this food because they know it comes from their area. Also, this store is able to offer lower prices on Kentucky fresh produce because they

are able to negotiate prices with farmers. Therefore, more people buy this produce. The grocer said that, in his opinion, the taste of locally grown produce was of much better quality than imported because it is fresher than imported goods that have been picked days or weeks before arrival at the store. This is another reason that Kentucky fresh products sell better and create more revenue than other types of produce.

There are many reasons that people purchase Kentucky fresh produce. Price, cost, and trust are all major factors. The next time you buy produce, will you buy it Kentucky fresh?

Colton William Givens, 6th grade
Butler County Middle School, Morgantown, Kentucky
Marilyn Kohler, teacher

‘It will be fresh, delicious and nutritious’

You’re driving in your car, and you see a quaint little roadside stand. Your stomach is growling after a long day at work. There is a sign above the stand that reads, “Apples for sale, \$5.00 a bushel, and 50 cents apiece.” You immediately swerve the car to the edge of the road. You jam your foot on the brakes and leap from the car. You dig in your pockets until you find two quarters.

You pick out a delectable Granny Smith apple and toss the change on the counter of the stand. You sink your teeth into the big juicy apple and a sweet taste fills your mouth. You have just taken a bite of one of the best tasting and freshest apples you will ever taste.

This apple is just a preview of all of the wonderful and delicious foods available, ripe and fresh in the state of Kentucky. Kentucky grows and sells fresh bell peppers, squash, sweet corn, pumpkins, potatoes, tomatoes, eggplant, apples, pears, peaches, strawberries, and blackberries. Kentucky also raises livestock for meat and dairy products.

When you buy your product from a roadside stand in Kentucky, you can always guarantee that it will be fresh, delicious, and nutritious. Kentucky’s food is always the best and nothing can compare.

Hannah Capps, 7th grade
College View Middle School, Utica, Kentucky
Sharon Thurman, teacher

‘My grandfather is a Kentucky farmer’

Kentucky farmers grow the best food in the world. How do I know? Because my grandfather is a Kentucky farmer and I have eaten his food. You don’t know what a green bean tastes like until you have eaten a bowl of half-runners that has gone from the vine to the stove to your plate. The only thing better than a plate of fresh green beans is a plate of fresh green beans with fresh picked corn on the cob, freshly dug new potatoes and a fresh red ripe tomato right off the vine. Now that is a meal! The reason it all taste so good is because it can be moved straight from the Kentucky farmer to the consumer in a day. That means it doesn’t have to be picked until it is ripe and ready.

In addition to the great taste, there are other benefits to buying fresh Kentucky products. Fresh products are more nutritional because the nutrients are not lost through shipping and refrigeration. They are also healthier because they do not need additives and preservatives to keep them from spoiling and keep them looking good.

Buying Kentucky products helps the state economy by keeping money in the local communities. It helps the farmers to stay on the farm. Also, the farmers continue putting money back into their areas. It also helps the environment by insuring the land will stay green and not be turned to industry. Fresh is the best.

Emily Lucas, 8th grade
Noe Middle School, Louisville, Kentucky
Maddy Smith, teacher
Commissioner’s Choice

The annual Poster and Essay Contest is open to Kentucky students in grades 1-8. Winners received \$100 savings bonds and were recognized at the Kentucky Agriculture Day Luncheon on March 20.

The winning essays and posters are featured in various Department of Agriculture publications and special events.

The contest is sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

For more information, contact Rayetta Boone by phone at (502) 564-4696 or by e-mail at rayetta.boone@kyagr.com.

KDA urges caution when using chainsaw

By TED SLOAN

Kentucky Agricultural News

Last winter's ice storm through the Bluegrass and northeastern Kentucky left a mess of trees and branches on the ground that residents will be cleaning up for months to come. Many already have been busy with their chainsaws, but with so much left to do, it's not too late to go over the basics of chainsaw safety.

"A chainsaw is a valuable tool for most any property owner," Agriculture Commissioner Billy Ray Smith said. "It is by design a very dangerous instrument, but users can keep themselves safe by using common sense, taking their time, knowing when they're too fatigued to continue safely, and knowing when to call a professional."

According to Rick Bryan of Bryan Equipment Sales in Loveland, Ohio, chainsaw safety begins with the right equipment and attire: head, ear, and eye protection; cut-resistant pants or chaps; and steel-toed boots.

The following tips for starting and using your chainsaw are from Bryan, Stihl.com, and John Cotten, director of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Division of Value-Added Wood:

- * Before starting the saw, be sure all screws are tight, fuel and oil caps look good, air filter is clean, and chain is sharp and properly tensioned.

- * When starting the saw, securely lock the saw on the ground by the rear handle with your right foot, or hold the rear handle tightly between your legs.

- * Engage the chain brake when starting the saw and when you are not cutting.

- * Always run your chainsaw at wide-open throttle.

- * Maintain good body control with the feet shoulder width apart and thumbs under the handles. Clear the area where you are working of obstacles and debris.

- * Do not stand on a log while cutting off limbs. If you are working on a slope, stand uphill from the log.

- * Shattered wood should be cut very carefully. Sharp splinters can fly off in the direction of the operator.

- * Never allow a minor to use a chainsaw.

- * Never, never operate from a ladder, above your shoulder or one-handed.

- * There are no minor cuts from a chainsaw. Always have a first-aid kit with instant ice packs and a tourniquet available to you when operating a chainsaw.

Bryan said 35 percent of chainsaw cuts are to the left leg and most cuts occur late in the day when poor operating techniques and fatigue are more likely.

It's always best to work with someone else whenever possible, Cotten said. As with any operation that contains an element of danger, the operator should always have close at hand a cell phone, list of emergency telephone numbers and written directions to his or her property. Make sure someone knows where you are working and what time to expect you back.

Commissioner Smith recommended that anyone in a wooded area keep an eye overhead. "Many branches that were broken in the ice storm are still entangled in trees," he pointed out. "The high winds we usually experience in the spring can shake them loose. They can be a serious hazard to people walking under them."

Cotten cautioned that operators attempting to fell a tree can cause property damage, serious personal injury, or even death if they use improper felling techniques or have a poor understanding of how to fell a tree. Any operator who does not have experience felling trees, especially large trees, should get experienced help, Cotten said.

"This is not a job for amateurs," he said.

KDA lab earns national award

KAN staff report

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Division of Regulation and Inspection was honored in January with a certificate of recognition for its metrology laboratory from the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

"This recognition comes after over a year of hard work by our metrologist, Justin Dearing, as well as others in the division to meet all of the require-

ments," division Director Randy Wise said. "This is just the start in developing what we have into one of the best labs in the country."

The metrology laboratory provides calibration services for weights and volumetric provers to industry, scale and meter repair companies, and to the inspectors of the division. These calibration tests check the accuracy of the equipment that is used to test scales and meters throughout the state.

Carroll safety group honored



Ted Sloan

The Carroll County Farm and Home Safety Program was honored with a Community Safety Award from the Kentucky Rural Safety and Health Council during the Kentucky Ag Day Luncheon on March 20. Pictured are, from left: Dennis Cannon, representing the Kentucky Rural Safety and Health Council; Cathy Jansen, Felicity Witherspoon and Theoda Franklin of the Carroll County Farm and Home Safety Program; and Agriculture Commissioner Billy Ray Smith.

Ky. companies at food shows

KAN staff report

Two major shows in one locale will provide Kentucky food companies with the opportunity to exhibit their products and make national and international contacts.

The National Association for the Specialty Food Trade (NASFT) will hold its spring Fancy Food Show May 4-6 in Chicago's McCormick Place. Established in 1952 to foster trade, commerce and interest in the specialty food industry, NASFT is the only U.S. organization working full-time to further interest in this area of processed foods. NASFT currently has more than 2,200 member companies from the United States and overseas.

The association holds three shows each year, and once again the Kentucky Department of Agriculture is helping Kentucky food companies participate by assisting with the expense of exhibit space.

Kentucky companies attending the Fancy Food Show are Broadbent's B&B Food Products of Cadiz (country ham, bacon, sausage), Father's Country Hams of Bremen (country ham, bacon, ham salad), Elmwood Inn of Perryville

(black and green tea, flavored curd, scone mix), and Southern Delight Gourmet Foods of Bowling Green (barbecue sauce, meat marinade).

Also on May 4-6, across a McCormick Place walkway from the Fancy Food Show, will be the U.S. Food Export Showcase.

The event is held in conjunction with the Food Marketing Institute's annual supermarket convention. It is sponsored by the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture

(NASDA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service.

NASDA is a nonprofit association of public officials representing the commissioners,

secretaries and directors of agriculture in the 50 states and four territories. Last year, Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Billy Ray Smith served as NASDA's president.

For more information on how to participate in these and other shows, contact Gerald Dotson, director of KDA's Division of Market Research, by phone at (502) 564-6571 or by e-mail at gerald.dotson@kyagr.com.

WHAT: Fancy Food Show
WHEN: May 4-6
WHERE: McCormick Place, Chicago

Photo contest yields bumper crop of farm stories

May 31 deadline to receive entries

By ROGER SNELL

Kentucky Agricultural News

A picture may be worth a thousand words, but the words that have accompanied entries to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's photo contest have provided as much enjoyment and sentiment as the photos themselves.

Well over 100 Kentuckians have submitted their best photos highlighting the quality of life on the farm and in the Commonwealth.

But just as wonderful as the sunrise over a tobacco barn, the pastoral playfulness of two foals and the humor of the granddaughter dressed in her spotted cow Halloween costume are the thoughtful, handwritten notes that have accompanied the entries.

One of the most heartfelt letters came from Penny Powell of Big Clifty. Her sons, Craig, 4, and Blake, 3, are shown feeding a calf they named Pepper.

"They took over feeding the calves when their grandfather, Darryl Powell, suffered a stroke. Mother, Penny Powell, took the picture and made an 'iron-on' and put it on a T-shirt to help their grandfather get motivated to get better while in the hospital. The boys help on the family farm."

Rita Gray's photo of a sunrise over a barn near Smiths Grove is a classic, but so are the words that she submitted.

"This is one of the best illustrations of Kentucky farm life I've witnessed in a very long time living on the farm," Gray wrote. "This is an early morning skyline over our barn after a snowfall this past January. The photo doesn't do justice to the spectacular view that morning, nor does it depict a working farm, but the quality of farm life doesn't get any better than this in Kentucky. What city can witness this over a skyscraper?"

Sue Quinlan sent a colorful photo of blooming flowers, with a scenic backdrop of a John Deere tractor, red shed and a bright green field of corn.

"This is a picture of my sister's dairy farm in Campbellsburg," Quinlan wrote. "She cleaned an area from discarded tires and machine parts and planted a flower garden with plants that flourish in this area: white gooseneck, yellow daylilies, purple phlox and more. This started her love of daylilies and she now has over 400 varieties. Milk prices have really dropped in the last few years and she is thinking of



Penny Powell

Blake Powell, 3, left, and Craig Powell, 4, feed Pepper the calf on their grandfather's farm near Big Clifty.

starting a daylily business to help the farm income."

Many of the stories capture the love of animals that are mindful of the classic book by English veterinarian James Herriott in *All Creatures Great and Small*.

For example, Dorothy Ramey of Kuttawa sent a photo showing her dog's habit of cleaning the face of a calf as it fed from a milk bottle. "Jacob, the family dog, pitched in to help take care of Rosemary, the calf. When she came to the gate to be fed, Jacob was there to clean her face. After Rosemary went back to the herd, she continued to come back to the gate to have her face cleaned by Jacob. They are both gone now, but I still remember the two old friends near the gate."

Melodye Galbreath of Flemingsburg wrote one of the best titles for a photo, showing Jim Tom Galbreath sound asleep in a pen with his two sleeping State Fair swine entries, Reba and Sally G. The title: "Hog Heaven."

David Kennedy of Monticello sent a sunset photo of family working in the tobacco field. "While tobacco may not be politically correct these days, the fact

remains that our farm was paid for by a tobacco crop. It also fed us, clothed us, and put us through school."

Tobacco also was the centerpiece of the photo from Leonetta Garrett Cook of Barren County. Her 1940s photo of her great-grandfather and other family members in their tobacco patch reflect an image when tobacco truly was king in Kentucky.

Jennifer Reynolds of Cave City shot photos of her twin 2-year-old boys playing in the barnyard with a 1-year-old friend. She called the photos "Being Boys," and the shot looks like the nationally famous "Been Farming Long?" poster.

Donnie Prewitt of Lancaster sent a photo of 4-year-old granddaughter Mary Kate, who "loves pa paw's cows" so much that she had to have a spotted Holstein cow outfit for Halloween.

You still have time to enter the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's photo contest and compete for prizes up to \$500. The deadline is May 31. No public tax dollars will be used to fund the awards.

"We'll be looking for the best photos that show how blessed we are to live in Kentucky and especially on the farm," Commissioner Billy Ray Smith said. "But your words are a nice extra touch."

About the contest

Entries must be in possession of KDA by no later than May 31, 2003.

Prizes are \$500 for first, \$300 for second and \$200 for third. (No public tax dollars will be used to fund the awards.)

Send your entries to: Roger Snell, Photo Contest, Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Capital Plaza Tower, 7th floor, 500 Mero St., Frankfort, KY 40601 or e-mail the photo to roger.snell@kyagr.com

Please make sure to give the name of the photographer, address, and how to contact, as well as details about the subject.

For more details, look for photo contest information at www.kyagr.com

Short Rows: *A brief look at what's new in Kentucky agriculture*

'Agri-Vision 2003' at Central Ky. show

UK College of Agriculture

A 5,000-square-foot exhibit at the Central Kentucky Home and Garden Show April 3-6 in Lexington will showcase efforts and research of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture. "Agri-Vision 2003" will show attendees how the College relates to farmers and homeowners.

Attention-getting, hands-on exhibits of "Agri-Vision 2003" include a demonstration of a prototype of a new driverless tractor, a high-tech cattle-tracking system, aerial photos of farmland taken by digital cameras on-board remote-control airplanes, a soil compaction sensor, an award-winning UK student-built quarter-scale tractor, a drip irrigation system, information on veterinary developments, and farm safety demonstrations.

The 2003 Central Kentucky Home and Garden Show will be at Lexington Center in downtown Lexington. Admission is \$7.50 for adults; children under 14 are admitted free. More information about the show is available by calling 1-800-347-2902 or by visiting the show's Web site at www.ckyhomeshow.com.

Plant and Soil Sciences Field Day June 12

UK College of Agriculture

University of Kentucky experts will lead demonstrations and field tours at the College of Agriculture's Plant and Soil Sciences Field Day June 12 at Spindletop Farm in Lexington.

A discussion of pasture management for Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome (MRLS) will highlight the day's events. MRLS resulted in thousands of foal deaths in the Bluegrass in 2001. Other topics include bale wrapping, no-till tobacco, precision agriculture equipment, water runoff management, hay, corn silage and new technologies. Demonstration gardens of crops, weeds and grasses also will be available. A quiz for children will be given, and prizes will be awarded.

Demonstrations will be 2-4 p.m. EDT. Field tours will be offered from 4:30-8:30 p.m. An evening meal will be available.

For more information, contact Dr. Morris Bitzer, field day chairman, by phone at (859) 257-3975 or by e-mail at mbitzer@uky.edu, or contact your county Extension agent.

Marion County garden show April 5-6

Special to KAN

The 16th annual Marion County Farm, Home & Garden Show will be April 5-6 at the tobacco receiving station on U.S. 68 in Lebanon. The show will be 10 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT April 5 and noon-4 p.m. April 6.

The show features nursery and landscaping displays, agricultural and livestock exhibits, home use products, and works by local craftspeople and artisans. It was chosen as a 2003 Kentucky Tourism Council Spring Top Ten Event. It is sponsored by the Agribusiness Committee of the Lebanon-Marion County Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, contact the Lebanon-Marion County Chamber of Commerce by phone at (270) 692-9594 or by e-mail at chamber@hamdays.com.

AgriBusiness Association offers scholarships

Special to KAN

The AgriBusiness Association of Kentucky is offering \$1,000 scholarships to eligible Kentucky undergraduate students.

Applications must be postmarked no later than June 1. Applicants must be accepted for enrollment as an undergraduate in a higher education institution for the upcoming fall semester; be a Kentucky resident; and have a declared major in an agriculture-related field of study or be accepted into an agricultural study program. The scholarships will be paid in installments of \$500 per semester.

To obtain an application, or for more information, contact the AgriBusiness Association of Kentucky (formerly the Kentucky Fertilizer and Agricultural Chemical Association) by mail at 512 Capitol Ave., Frankfort, KY 40601; by phone at (502) 226-1122; or by fax at (502) 875-1595.

Scholarship deadline is May 15

KAN staff report

Applications for Angus Foundation scholarships must be postmarked no later than May 15, the Foundation has announced.

Angus Foundation scholarships are awarded at the National Junior Angus Show each summer. A committee of qualified individuals will review the applications and award the scholarships, according to the foundation.

The Angus Foundation will increase the amount of scholarship monies it will award this year from \$20,000 to \$25,000, and increase the number of scholarships by three.

The top two scholarship recipients will receive \$3,500. Eighteen recipients will receive \$1,000 scholarships.

"Each year we have so many deserving applicants apply for the Angus Foundation scholarships," said James Fisher, director of activities and junior activities for the American Angus Association. "With the decision of the Angus Foundation board, we will be able to award more of these youth scholarships to help them with their college education."

The scholarships were first awarded in 1998. The Angus Foundation was established in 1980 as a not-for-profit organization to support programs for youth, education and research in the Angus breed.

For more information about the Foundation or to obtain a scholarship application, log onto www.angusfoundation.org or call the junior activities department at (816) 383-5100.

Education Pays scholarships available

Special to KAN

Applications for the Education Pays scholarship program are due by April 15, the Cabinet for Workforce Development has announced.

Applicants must be clients of the cabinet's employment and training programs and services. They must be Kentucky residents and enroll in a Kentucky postsecondary educational institution for the fall 2003 semester. The \$500 scholarships may be used for tuition, books, lab and technology fees.

Applications and completely eligibility guidelines are available through adult learning centers; local offices of the Department for the Blind, Department for Employment Services and Department of Vocational Rehabilitation; Kentucky Tech area technology centers; and Workforce Investment Act service providers. Applications also may be accessed at the Cabinet's Web site, www.kycwd.org.

Swine Spectacular starts July 1 in Louisville

Special to KAN

The sixth edition of the National Junior Summer Spectacular will be held July 1-5 at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville.

The Summer Spectacular, for National Junior Swine Association members, is one of the largest youth purebred gilt shows in the world. In addition to the gilt show, educational contests are scheduled in photography, display, speech, extemporaneous speaking, showmanship and judging, along with a breeding gilt show, a Skillathon, and the Summer Type Conference show. The NJSA will hold its annual calendar auction to raise money for the NJSA Scholarship Fund.

Exhibitors and contestants must be members of the NJSA, and be 21 or younger as of Jan. 1, 2003, to compete in the activities. NJSA memberships can be made via the National Swine Registry Web site at www.nationalswine.com, under Jr. Association/Membership Application, or by calling the NSR office at (765) 463-3594.

Registered Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire gilts are eligible for the breeding gilt show. These gilts must have been farrowed on or after Dec. 1, 2002. All gilts must be transferred or registered in the junior member's name, farm name or family name 60 days prior to the date of the show. Each exhibitor is limited to two gilts. Entries are due May 30, 2003.

For entries or more information about the National Junior Summer Spectacular, contact the National Swine Registry, c/o Jennifer Shike, P.O. Box 2417, West Lafayette, IN 47996-2417, via the Internet at www.nationalswine.com, or by phone at (765) 463-3594.

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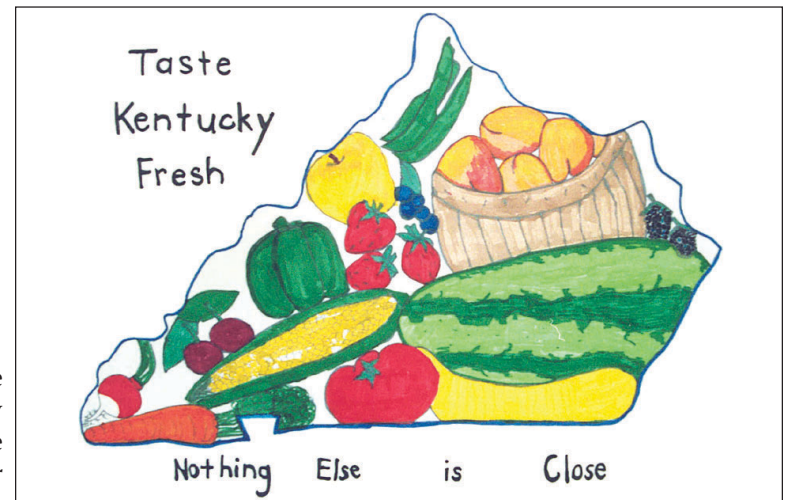
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Pembroke
Brenda Payne, teacher



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Tompkinsville
Barbara Birge, teacher

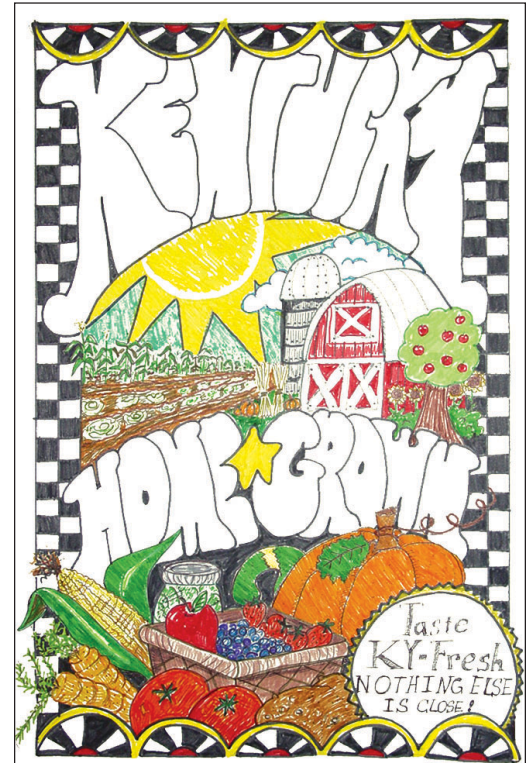


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Central City Elementary
Central City
Emily Rhoades, teacher



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Lincoln Elementary
Franklin
Norman Hughes, teacher

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Dixon Elementary
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